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Editorial Comment

REMAKING MAN

Surgery of the present day is not at all dismayed by the somewhat discouraging maxim that man is fearfully and wonderfully made. The knife has entered upon a course of extirpation that promises to eliminate, even if by heroic methods, some of the ills that flesh is heir to. Already it has become a not infrequent operation to remove the vermiform appendix in early childhood, in order to do away with the possibility of perilous appendicitis in adult life. But progress is the onward cry of science. It has become elementary to live usefully with one lung or one kidney. That is only taking advantage of a duplicate precaution of nature. The removal of the stomach, once cited in the text books as wonderful, has become a well known, if infrequent, expedient that merely entails upon the subject attention to a diet restricted in variety, says the Albuquerque Citizen.

But now an authority upon bacteria, Prof. Metchnikoff, finds that the ailments of advancing age are due largely to poisoning by maleficent germs which have their habitat in the large intestine. The logical inference is obvious. If man may prolong life without that organ, away with it! There is confirmation of this doctrine in the further investigations of Dr. Distaso, who has collected and compared a number of recorded cases of this operation. Two recent subjects have received his particular study. He has found their bacteriological status of an exceptionally desirable order, and he is convinced that they are destined to live far longer than they could have done if they had retained all of their original internal apparatus. As a result, it is stated that he advocates the universal extirpation of this part of the machinery of the human race. It would be a daring conjecture to predict what surgeons of the future may spare as essential to keep together soul and body. It would be interesting to establish the ratio between the capacities of earning and of consuming of these revised editions of the image of divinity. What the learned doctors should do to round out their discovery is a way of blotting out that historic edict that man shall earn his bread in the sweat of his face.

THE SITUATION IN MOROCCO

At the conference of Algiers France and Spain were made jointly responsible, in behalf of the general European concert, for the maintenance of public order in Morocco, and especially for the protection of the lives and property of foreigners established in Morocco under the sanction of treaties. It is not certain that the maintenance of public order, even in the limited districts in which Christian traders are established along the borders of Algeria—and nothing more is attempted or expected—except by the extermination of the wild and fanatical tribes, which is not proposed, says the San Francisco Chronicle. The policing was divided between the two countries, but in some districts there were to be both French and Spanish troops, under the general direction of an "inspector" from a "neutral" nation. The present trouble is in regard to the Rif country, which is a coast district extending eastwardly from Cape Ceuta and Tangier nearly to the Algerian border. This district is inhabited by Berbers, who are

usually in revolt against the Sultan of Morocco but are just now dutiful subjects, as the Sultan Muley Hafid is insisting upon the evacuation by Spain of two or three small seaports on the Rif coast. This Spain refuses to do, although warned by the Sultan that refusal to do so would be cause for war. Just what the political situation on the Rif coast is does not clearly appear. A number of these ports, including Melilla, the scene of the fighting, are Spanish "penal settlements," and what their situation is under the Algeiras treaty we have been unable to discover, but apparently their occupation is a Spanish matter in which Europe is not concerning itself. A state of war, however, exists between Spain and Morocco, and the Spanish Government is ordering more troops to the scene.

Apparently the troops do not wish to go, and Barcelona, the port from which they are to embark, is a hotbed of anarchists and militant socialists, who are the rioters of whose conduct the dispatches are telling us. The precise grounds of objection are not stated. It is not because they are afraid, for there are no more valiant soldiers than the Spanish, and a contest of well-armed and organized European troops against these African Berbers—who are also brave—is rather one-sided. It may be only a general protest against "militarism," which socialists and anarchists are alike in opposing either from a love of peace or a desire to remove all danger to bomb throwers. It may be that the penal settlements across the water are filled with deported anarchists and that the opposition to the embarkation is in sympathy with the exiled comrades of the protestants. At any rate, the fighting at Melilla is severe, re-enforcements are necessary to the Spanish troops, the Spanish Government is sending them and the Barcelona socialists are fighting the embarkation, being evidently quite willing that their countrymen already at Melilla should be killed off by the fanatical Moors. It appears, also, that the radical Spanish press is opposing future occupation of the Rif district, claiming that it is only for the protection of "private mining interests," which, if lawfully established, would seem entitled to such protection.

The underlying cause of the rioting at Barcelona is the same as that of the overturn of the French Cabinet—the general unrest of an overcrowded population which has been led to imagine that the situation of all would be bettered by taking control of industrial affairs from the fit and intrusting them to the unfit.

VULCAN GROUP.

Work on this property was begun last week. There is already a tunnel ninety feet in length, which is being continued. A car and tracking arrived last week, and will be immediately put into commission. The property is composed of about ninety-eight acres of ground in the immediate vicinity of Jerome, and is divided into eight claims. The capitalization of this company is \$3,000,000; par value, \$10 a share. Surrounding this property is the Verde Grande, Hebrew group, Haynes Copper, Hull Copper, and the United Verde Copper company, the distance being 850 feet from the nearest point to the United Verde No. 1 shaft. It is being promoted by Prescott business men.

FIRES SHOT AT A SUSPECTED ROBBER

(From Tuesday's Daily)

What appears to have been an attempt to hold up William Gammill's saloon, near the depot, was made last night at about twelve o'clock. It was nipped in the bud by William Barclay, on the night shift, who thwarted the would-be highwayman before he could reach the interior of the building. Barclay fired two shots at the man who was evidently trying to enter the room, from the rear yard, and had reached a point known as the pigeon house, when the barking of a little dog in the saloon room attracted his attention.

In speaking of the affair, Mr. Barclay says that he has been on the

alert ever since Mike Chianteretto was held up, and for the last three nights at late hours things in that neighborhood have been suspicious.

When the rain was coming down Sunday night his mare in the backyard acted peculiar, creating a disturbance, causing him to investigate. The night previous to this demonstration by the animal, he heard things fall.

Last night the climax was reached, he believes. The street was dark, the lights all being extinguished, with only a few people around the other saloons, and he was alone, when he saw the intruder.

The first shot fired by Barclay brought two other neighbors to his assistance, but the suspected robber by that time had vanished, and there is no trace of him. Officer McMahon was soon on the scene, but it was useless to attempt to pursue the man.

No description could be given by Barclay, as it was dark, and but an outline of his form was discernable.

ACTIVITY IN THE CONSOLIDATION OF COPPER BASIN DISTRICT BIG COPPER INTERESTS

P. A. Company Ready To Commence Sinking Rumor That Cananea And Copper Queen Will Merge

Indications are that mining in Copper Basin will be generally resumed in the near future, several companies intending to start up work in that field. To this end the P. A. company, the owners of good looking ground, are ready to begin development, having ordered a twenty-four foot head frame, and entering into negotiations for a hoist with eastern manufacturers. The work outlined will be to sink on their ground and a sufficient force will be placed on the property to carry out this plan at once. Joseph Sherer, a well known practical miner, will be the superintendent.

It will be learned with interest by many that the work recently started by Len A. Flint, on the Gold Star group, is progressing more satisfactorily than was anticipated with the depth shown. This group was purchased a few weeks ago from Mr. Roberts, and immediately following the sale the ground was put in shape for development. A vein of fine ore is said to have been struck, and the management felt somewhat elated as this work continues. The Gold Star lies also in the Copper Basin district, a few miles to the north of the Skull Valley foothills.

CLAIMS SOLD ON THE BILL WILLIAMS FORD

(From Saturday's Daily)

Among the recent mining sales of prominence is that announced by J. C. Rogers, a visitor to the city yesterday. He says that himself and brother, T. J. Rogers, have disposed of a group of eighteen claims on Bill Williams Ford, in Mohave county, to Ban Tibbetts, who represents a Los Angeles syndicate of mining men. The first payment of \$12,000 has been made and the ground turned over to the purchasers. These properties are located in a favorable mining field in that section, the Clara being but eight miles distant, and the Planet about the same distance in another direction. It is his belief that this zone will be one of the liveliest in that region, and that other investors are desirous of coming to it. In speaking of the claims sold, Mr. Rogers says that he has devoted considerable money to generally developing them, and in prospecting the surface of the entire group. As depth was given on these claims it was soon recognized that they were attractive, and from an ordinary regard being entertained for them they soon entered permanent regard and favorable rating.

Mr. Rogers still retains a large number of other claims in that immediate vicinity, and has associated with him several Prescott people as co-owners. He believes that that section is to be favorably considered in the near future, and had it not been for the climatic conditions pre-

According to a high official of the Cananea Consolidated Copper company, plans are on foot or have already been completed for the biggest copper consolidation in the history of the southwest.

According to this official, the first of the year will see the retirement of Dr. James Douglas from the head of the Phelps-Dodge copper interests. His retirement will mark the consolidation of the Cananea and Copper Queen interests and the retirement of the Phelps-Dodge company from the copper business. According to information, Dr. Ricketts, present general manager of the Cananea company, will become the head of the new consolidation.

The Phelps-Dodge company, it is said, will go into the railroading business exclusively. In combination with the Rock Island, these two mammoth interests purpose building a great rival system to the Harriman southern lines. Much comment has been caused by the recent enlargement of the capital stock of the El Paso & Southwestern from \$17,500,000 to \$25,000,000, and the general opinion is that the increase had much to do with the eventual extension of the El Paso & Southwestern as the link between the Rock Island terminal at Tucuman, New Mexico, and the eastern terminal of the Spreckles line, now building with all haste from San Diego.

VERDE GRANDE.

A receipt for final payment on patent of the property known as the Verde Grande Copper company has arrived. This property is situated in township 16 north, range 2 west, G. and S. R., and consists of 124,768 acres. There are seven claims, the Harold, Humboldt, Vernon, Virginia, Charm and Tiger, Lodes Nos. 3 and 4.

There has been about \$100,000 spent on this property, which is at the present time shut down. The development work done consists of a shaft 538 feet deep, 800 feet of tunnel work and 560 feet of crosscuts. Some good showings were encountered in the various workings.

FORCED TO STEAL, HE SAYS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., July 24.—Three months for stealing two loaves of bread is the sentence imposed upon Edward Grete today, who said he was forced to steal or starve.

During this summer, there would have been much activity. This, however, will be in evidence when winter comes, and several big sales are expected. Gold and copper values are the predominating metals in that section.

ALL ENTHUSIASTIC FOR LABOR DAY

Funds Apportioned to the Various Committees—Marathon Race to Be Around the Plaza.

(From Tuesday's Daily)

Last night's meeting of the various committees to arrange for the Labor Day celebration was a notable one for the interest shown to observe the day, set for September 6. A good representation was present, and the allotting of purses for the many events was harmoniously conducted. In the aggregate \$1,600 was the sum agreed upon, disbursed to the following committees:

H. D. Ross, chairman of the literary committee, asked for the sum of \$5 to defray the work of his assignment. He also selected Charles Colquitt and Ward Harrington as his assistants. Henry F. Ashurst will probably be selected as the orator of the day.

Joe Cook, as chairman of the cowboy sports, selected as his assistants Orville Bozarth and C. C. Jackson, and asked that the sum of \$300 be set aside for this feature of the day.

Chief Johns of the Prescott Fire department, informed the meeting that Jerome would not appear in the hose races, and believed that \$300 would defray that end of the day's pleasures in skillful work by the Prescott firemen.

Fred Docker, appearing on behalf of the juvenile end of the program, asked for \$75, which was given him. Mr. Docker is the instructor of the manual training department of the public schools of the city.

Charles Born, who is at the head of the tug-of-war committee, submitted an estimate of this tryout of the skill and muscle work, an dit was allowed him. He was also allowed to select H. J. Tilley, Gary Vyne, Willie Stewart and Roy Elliott as his assistants.

The committee on music was allowed \$100 to secure the melody for the day.

Harry Harter, the chairman of the baseball end of the day's doings, made a statement that the Williams and Phoenix teams would contest the national game. Three games are scheduled, one for Saturday and two for Sunday. The receipts at the park would fix the financial end of that question.

Advertising expenses were allotted at \$150.

In the Marathon race, a discussion followed, and it was settled to have this noteworthy transaction among the fleet and enduring ones, take place around the plaza. Ten laps of this place was the distance agreed upon, the first to receive \$75 and the second \$40. A 100-yard foot race also goes in this event, the first under the wire to receive \$25 and the second \$10. J. M. Aitken will handle the Marathon and other events in the running races.

Free lemonade will be dispensed to all on the plaza, and a generally good time is promised all.

Chairman Kohl and Secretary Biles were also present at the meeting, and will co-operate willingly and heartily to assist all in perfecting arrangements for the day. The finance committee will next get into action, and in a few days the various committees will outline the various features they wish to put before the public. Everything is in readiness for a splendid celebration, and there is no doubt but what it will be a success.

COURT DISMISSES CASE AGAINST HANCE WORK TO RESUME ON THE MAY MINE

Did Not Argue With A Shotgun As Was Alleged Property Well Equipped For Extensive Operations

Erroneous reports of an exaggerated nature have been published over the recent trouble that was supposed to have taken place in the Verde valley, in which George W. Hance was placed in an undesirable light. The arrival in the city, Saturday, of District Attorney Ross, representing the county, and J. E. Russell of counsel for Mr. Hance, together with the dismissal of Hance by Judge Dennison, clears the atmosphere of a case that practically amounted to nothing. The statements made that Mr. Hance used a Winchester against the janero of the Verde ditch to enforce the turning on or off of the water, was a myth, says Mr. Russell. Mr. Hance endeavored to force no one, but on the contrary, the examination at Jerome showed that he was demanding only the right to which any other patron of the water service there is entitled. It seems that when Mr. Hance made a threat against the water being turned away from his strip, the display of firearms alleged was due to the fact that he had an old Colt's pistol wrapped up in a bag, and did not in any manner attempt to inject it into the argument. It was also established that the secretary of the Water Users' association on the Verde had issued a receipt to Mr. Hance for the pay due the association for the month claimed, and that the janero was unaware of this settlement, hence the refusal of this last named to permit Hance to use the water. Judge Dennison accordingly dismissed the case against Hance for want of jurisdiction.

J. J. Jackson, identified with the Copper Hill Mining company, in Copper Basin, is in the city on business.

Advices have been received from the east to start up work on the properties of the May Mining company, located near Mayer. H. C. Heffelman, one of the original locators of the group will be in charge as superintendent. When formerly operated, these properties had extensive work done, that gave the property a good standing, its ores being of that character that closely identifies it with the same mineral family at the Blue Bell.

The May claims adjoin on the west the Blue Bell group, which have recently been unwatered preparatory to resuming production by the Consolidated Arizona Smelting company. At the time of suspending work on the May properties extensive development was shown, one shaft reaching a depth of over 300 feet, while at another point 200 feet was shown, together with prospecting all along the vein. Commodious camp buildings are on the ground, together with a 6x8 Fairbanks-Morse hoist, a 60-horsepower boiler, and other mechanical utilities. These facilities will permit of resumption without the customary expense of equipping the properties. The fact of the May entering the active column in that zone, along with the Blue Bell, is significant of the interest that is shown that belt as meriting consideration. The purpose of the management is said to be toward extensive development, and to operate permanently with the view of extracting a large amount of ore, and to consider later the placing of reduction works, the site being a favorable one, it being but six miles to railroad communication at Mayer.

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